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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: INTEGRATED STEEL MILL

REF: MANILA 19609 (NOTAL)

1. JUST PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF REFTTEL, COMMERCE MAJOR PROJECTS CONTACTED BY DAVID VAN GEND OF U.S. STEEL ENGINEERS AND CONSTRUCTORS (USSEC). VAN GEND WAS SEEKING USG (I.E. EMBASSY MANILA) SUPPORT TO OFFSET HIGH LEVEL JAPANESE REPRESENTATIONS TO MARCOS. WHILE NO COMMITMENTS MADE ON BEHALF OF EMBASSY, WE DID AGREE TO REQUEST EMBASSY VIEWS AS TO HOW WE MIGHT KEEP U.S. FIRMS IN CONTENTION FOR FINAL FEASIBILITY STUDY AND IN-HOUSE CONSULTANCY CONTRACT.

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2. VAN GEND CONTENDS THAT GRATIS JICA PRE-FEASIBILITY STUDY RECOMMENDS ONE MILLION METRIC TONS PER YEAR MILL WVILE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL STEEL WOULD PREFER 1.5 TO 2

MILLION MTPY FACILITY. JAPANESE WOULD LIKE TO RESTRICT SIZE TO PRESERVE PORTION OF THEIR PHILIPPINE EXPORT

MARKET. FINAL FEASIBILITY STUDY IS TO ENTAIL A DETAILED
MARKET SURVEY WHICH WOULD THEN RECOMMEND APPROPRIATE

CAPACITY FOR THE MILL. VAN GEND LEARNED IN HIS
DISCUSSIONS WITH EDUARDO RODRIGUEZ, THE PRESIDENT, AND
RUBEN GOMEZ, THE MANAGER OF NATIONAL STEEL, THAT THE
BOI IRON AND STEEL AUTHORITY AND COCIS BEING BYPASSED
IN DECISION MAKING AND THAT ONLY USSEC, KAISER, AND
KRUPP HAD BEEN PREQUALIFIED (SHORT LISTED) FOR FINAL
FEASIBILITY STUDY.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY REVIEWING STATUS OF STEEL
MILL PLANNING AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL IN GOP, EMPHASIZING
INTEREST OF U.S. FIRMS IN PROPOSING ON FINAL
FEASIBILITY STUDY AND BEING CONSIDERED FOR IN-HOUSE

TECHNICAL CONSULTANCY CONTACT, AND STRESSING ABILITY
U.S. ENGINEERS TO PREPARE UNBIASED REPORT
UNCONSTRAINED BY NEED TO PRESERVE EXPORT MARKETS.
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